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DEEPENING OF PORT CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invite private companies in the activity related to deepening of port channels;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken towards the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) Deepening of port channels essentially involves capital dredging in these channels. Under the extant policy, all ports are required to follow the competitive bidding process for award of contracts for capital dredging in which private companies are allowed to participate. The policy further envisages first right of refusal to Indian dredging companies provided they fulfill certain specified conditions.